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MM Docket No. 04-23-RM 11001 RE:

Amendment of Section 73.622(b),

Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations

(Fresno, California)

Submitted by: County of Marin

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## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED CHANGE

- 1. The County of Marin, California ("county") is a populous suburban county in the San Francisco, California area. The hilly and rural terrain in a large portion of the served area makes heavy demands on the county's Public Safety resources, and consequently the county is the licensee of a county-wide state-of-the-art complex Public Safety UHF trunked digitial radio communications system operating in the 482-485 MHz band, which is within the UHF TV Channel 16.
- 2. Recently the county has noted that digital transmissions from KSEE-DT, operating on UHF Channel 16 in Fresno, California, have resulted in harmful interference to operations of the county's Public Safety radio system. The nature of digital systems is such that the interference exists at all times that the TV transmitter is in operation on Channel 16.
- 3. The licensee of KSEE-DT has submitted a request to substitute UHF Channel 38 for UHF Channel 16 in Fresno, for the reasons clearly stated in the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the instant proceedings, released July 2, 2004.

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- 4. The county strongly supports this substitution, and urges the Commission to handle this matter on an expedited basis to relieve the harmful interference caused to the county's radio system as well as to the radio system of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, as detailed in the referenced NPRM.
- 5. The county stands ready to submit any further data that the Commission would require in support of this filing.

Very truly yours,

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